



University police Sgt. Roy Horner patrols the campus during the night shift.

University Police: enforcing the rules and keeping the peace

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For many students, the only contact with the University Police Department is waiting in seemingly never-ending lines for parking stickers or receiving those beige slips of paper, instantly familiar, under the windshield wipers of their cars.

Needless to say, the image of the men and women in blue and black on campus is a far cry from the neighborhood policeman who rescues a distraught child's cat from a tall tree. But, in reality, the campus police force is comprised of people who genuinely want to help students.

In fact, many of them are students. Mike Ragan, assistant chief of the University Police Department, says that out of 28 patrol officers on the force, 10 are undergraduate and grad-

uate students enrolled at A&M. Another seven are A&M graduates, including Ragan.

Detective John Phillips, who attended A&M as a member of the Corps, says it helps to know the Aggie lingo, which sounds like a foreign language to people who have never been exposed to Aggie traditions.

"I know why Joe Blow is over in the fish pond," Phillips says, "and I don't get excited when I see people carrying a guy over by Rudder."

Cabrina Scott, who grad-